

Current Status

The project trail currently has local bicycle and pedestrian use due to the existence of some trail segments. The trail has connections at NIH and Alta Vista. Use has expanded greatly since the bridge projects have been completed over I-495 and I-270. 75% of the trail is complete.

The other 25% uses low traffic roads and sidewalks.

The trail alignment runs through many residential neighborhoods and connects to public facilities such as libraries, schools and the Bethesda YMCA. Route signs are planned for Fall, 06'. Design of some trail segments is complete and the latest construction of this project was completed in 2006.



Rules for Trail Use

- Keep right except when passing
- Give audible warning before overtaking
- Slower traffic has the right-of-way
- Speed must be safe and appropriate
- Slow when trail is crowded
- Dogs must be leashed at all times
- No motorized vehicles

Project Funding

The project will be funded with a combination of state / federal and local funds. This project is identified in the 1978 Master Plan of Bikeways and the 1993 North Bethesda - Garrett Park Master Plan, and the Master Plan for the Bethesda - Chevy Chase Planning Area.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$5,756,000.

For More Information . . .

The Montgomery County, Maryland Department of Public Works and Transportation is the responsible agency for the North Bethesda Trail.

Contacts for this trail are:

Information

Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Capital Development
240-777-7220 Updated 8/06

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dpwt
240-777-7244 or email: bike@montgomerycountymd.gov

Emergency/Security

Dial 9-1-1

Maintenance Problems

Division of Highway Services
240-777-6000

Official Support

The following have expressed support for this project:

Montgomery County Bicycle Action Group (MCBAG)
Washington Area Bicyclist Association (WABA)
Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)

Montgomery County, Maryland

Department of Public Works and Transportation
Engineering Services Division



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Project Description

The Montgomery County Department of Public Works and Transportation plans to construct a 10-foot wide shared use trail for a total of 3.5 miles. The project includes new and existing trail segments located between the southern border of NIH to the intersection of Bou Ave. with Rockville Pike (MD 355) including two new bridges over I -270 and I -495. This trail is an integral part of Montgomery County's master planned regional bikeway network and overall transportation system. The trail provides an aesthetic, safe, non-motorized facility for bicycle users and pedestrians. The trail will provide a safe alternative to automobile use which helps improve air quality.



The trail also provides for local and regional commuter and recreational trips. Easy access to the Twinbrook, White Flint, Grosvenor and Medical Center Metrorail stations is an integral asset to the trail. The name of the trail now includes the word 'trolley'.

This corridor was used for the Washington and Rockville Trolley service from Tenleytown to the Bethesda Central Business District until about 1935. Montgomery County owns the rights-of-way of the existing trail segments. As part of this project the county will acquire some of the missing properties needed in order to construct important segments of the trail.

Tips for Trail Safety

- ➔ Move off the trail before stopping
- ➔ Look for trail traffic before entering the trail
- ➔ Keep alert for surprise actions by dogs and children
- ➔ Never pass on the right
- ➔ Listen Up! Don't wear earphones
- ➔ Protect your head with a helmet - required if under 18 years old

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Public Involvement

Several public meetings regarding the trail were held in 1996/7. Citizens of Montgomery County have largely indicated support for this project.

